

50TH YEAR.

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HIS DEATH KEENLY FELT.

Death of Robert C. Benton--One of Holt's Greatly Beloved Citizens.

The death of R. C. Benton, which occurred Saturday of last week, April 24, removes from our community and the county at large, one who solved that the world was battered by his having lived in it.

While his death was expected, it nevertheless came as a shock to our people. All our people, irrespective of rank, station or calling, hoped that he might rally, and were buoyed up in that hope from the fact that he had been able to take a short ride on the preceding Sunday, but this was broken by the coming of the second stroke on the day following, and the end soon followed.

Mr. Benton, to our mind, was the ideal citizen--of the self-sacrificing kind. One who never faltered, and was ever ready to do his part in advancing the material interests of his city and county in which he had lived so long and well.

He was loyal and true to the church of his choice, and never failed to do

most keenly felt in our community.

Mr. Benton was married three times: to Mary P. O'Brien, at Champaign, Ill., November 11, 1870; one child, Hugh G., now of Tennessee, was born by this union and survives. In 1880 he married Isabelle O'Brien, in Champaign, Ill.; one child, Harry, was born by this marriage and is now deceased. In 1884 Mr. Benton moved to Horton, Kan., and in 1886 came to Holt county, and August 9, 1888, he married Mary Jane Landers; four children were born to this union, Mary and Thomas, now deceased; Earl and William Bryan with their mother survive.

Impressive funeral services were held from the Christian church, Monday afternoon, April 26, where for years he was so faithful, and steadfast, the funeral being conducted by his pastor, Elder B. H. Dawson, after which the Masonic order took charge, and his remains were laid to rest in the Maple Grove cemetery, with the honors of the Masonic order.

The Master's charge was delivered by Past Master H. M. Dungan.

"The will of God is accomplished: so mote it be: amen."

Many beautiful floral tributes came to bear evidence of the love and esteem in which Mr. Benton was held: an emblematic piece from the Masonic lodge, and set pieces from the Ladies Aid society, Sunday school and class and church; and also from many individual friends.

The casket was in charge of the elders and deacons of the church, who acted as pallbearers.

The church was filled to overflowing by friends and kindred, who came to pay their last sad tribute to him, who had grown into the affections of our people.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Benton and family desire us to express their deep sense of gratitude to all those kindly neighbors and friends who came to their aid and help during the long illness, and final dissolution of husband and father. May He who knows all things ever deal kindly with them.

Track Meet at Maryville.

The sixth annual track meet and declamatory contest of the Northwest Missouri Inter-High School Association was held in Maryville, Friday and Saturday of last week. The association consists of the 19 counties in Northwest Missouri, which belong to the Maryville Normal district. Holt county was represented by the Mound City, Maitland and Corning High schools. The declamatory contest was held on Friday night and the track meet on Saturday afternoon. Owing to the rain on Friday night the track was very heavy, and this interfered with the running events somewhat. The Mound City and Maitland High schools both made very creditable showings. Maitland won the silver loving

cup for pole vaulting, by a record of 10 feet, 8 inches, and Vandeventer, of Mound City, won the standing broad jump at 10 feet, 5 inches, thus establishing a new record for the track there.

The members of the Northwest Missouri Press Association were the members of the Maryville Commercial Club on this occasion, and they were royally entertained during their stay there. A large number of the fraternity were present. On Friday night they were given a banquet at the Elks' club rooms. Senator James A. Reed, Missouri's junior senator, delivered the principal address, which was a masterful one on the financial condition of the country. Other notable speakers were also included on the program. Saturday morning the visitors were taken for auto rides over the city and shown the many points of interest, and at noon were entertained at a luncheon at the Normal, which was prepared by the economics department of the school. In the afternoon they attended the track meet.

Maryville proved to be No. 1 entertainer, and they are to be commended for making the Normal there one of the best in the state.

Judge A. W. VanCamp, of the Exodos district, was here Saturday, and attended the meeting of Meyer Post, and favored the boys with an interesting talk. The judge is always interesting when he takes a notion to talk. He took his rations at the home of his son-in-law, Collector Henry Alkire and wife. He wasn't broke, for he left a \$10 william in the street in front of the Keeses-Bragg garage; it was returned to him, fearing he might need it some time in the future.

A Proposition.

To the Patrons of the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company and the General Public:

GREETING: In view of the fact that there are two telephone systems and companies now operating in Oregon, Mo., and

The fact that many patrons and subscribers of each system and the general public desire the use of each system and both systems combined, and

The fact that the Oregon and Forest City Telephone Exchange, known as the Home Phone is an incorporated company having over \$20,000 invested in the telephone business, and has been operating profitably each year for the past sixteen years; and in a general way, giving a very satisfactory service to their patrons and increasing their service each month, and many other facts that are well known, wherein the best telephone service would be where the telephone subscriber and the telephone-using public would have a universal service over one telephone.

Therefore, we, the directors and stockholders of the Oregon and Forest City Telephone Exchange hereby respectfully beg to submit to you for your careful consideration, the following plan or a better one if you have it, whereby the public and telephone subscribers might be better served and all better satisfied.

The Oregon and Forest City Telephone Exchange agrees to furnish telephone service to all of the present mutually operated rural telephones that now connect at the Oregon switchboard for the sum of fifty cents per month, payable monthly, or if the same be paid annually in advance, to deduct from such rental the net sum of 10 per cent. The Oregon and Forest City Telephone Exchange agrees and guarantees to give the very best telephone service possible and to improve their service from time to time. Such service to include service to all the telephones that they now have in their own present system, and also that they now have under contract to the towns and exchanges at Craig, Mound City, Bigelow, Fortescue, Napier and any other places in Holt to the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Exchange in Holt county that now connect with the Oregon Mutual office. They further agree to maintain and keep in good repair all of the present rural farmer mutual lines from their office in Oregon to the city limits of Oregon. They also agree that they will keep in good repair and working order the Oregon Farmer Mutual Company's interests in all through or trunk lines that they may now have. The Oregon and Forest City Telephone Exchange further agree that they will keep in good repair all of the telephones belonging to the rural Farmer Mutual telephone subscribers when such telephones are brought to their office in Oregon, Mo., free of charge as far as labor alone is concerned, but if any new or additional equipment is needed that they will

provide and install at the expense of the subscriber.

Invoice and lease to the Oregon and Forest City Telephone Exchange at its present cash value their switchboard, lightning arresters, terminals, cable and cable poles and the present farmer mutual owned poles, lines and telephones and other interests that may be needed for the combined use of the two systems during this agreement, and the Oregon and Forest City Telephone Exchange will agree and covenant to the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company that they will hold the same property in trust at their present cash value during the life of this agreement, and they further agree that they will surrender the same at any time before the expiration of this contract if they fail to keep their part of this agreement. They will surrender the above mentioned property at their cash value at the time of such surrender and pay the balance of the difference due to the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company in cash.

The Oregon and Forest City Telephone Exchange also agree that they will stand at their own expense all the charges for the making of the changes in the consolidations of the service herein mentioned, such as the arranging of the cables, lightning arresters, terminals, and the bringing of the two switchboards together, etc., etc.

This agreement shall be made to be in full effect and force for a term of years from the date of it and thereafter until the expiration of 30 days' notice given in writing by either of the parties concerned to the other of their desire to terminate the same.

OREGON AND FOREST CITY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

BY JON H. MURRAY.

His Sudden Summons.

Ned Castle, one of the dear and much beloved young men of Oregon, in the very prime of life, was suddenly called by the Master, at his home in this city, on Tuesday, of this week, April 27, 1915, in the 44th year of his age.

For the past 13 years the deceased had been in business at Port Arthur, Texas, and was prospering. During the winter his health began to fail and his mother went to Port Arthur and was his constant companion. Later his brother, Frank, went to Port Arthur, and Ned made such improvement that Mrs. Castle returned to her home. He again began to decline and it was thought best to bring him back to his old home, and he with his brother, Frank, returned home on Friday of last week. His condition was not thought alarming, but on Tuesday morning of this week, he was suddenly called to come up higher, from a stroke of apoplexy.

James Edward Castle was the son of Amos and Rebecca Castle, and was born April 14, 1871, in this city. He was of a bright sunny nature, companionable and congenial, and his friends were numbered by the extent of his acquaintanceship. There is not one in our community, whose sympathy will not go out to Mrs. Castle in the loss of her dear, good boy; and to the brothers and sisters in their loss of one who was in every way a brother.

He is survived by his mother; two sisters, Mrs. Don Morgan, and Miss Ella; four brothers, Clare and Frank, all of Oregon, and Charles and Aubrey Maxwell, of Port Arthur, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church, Wednesday afternoon, where as a lad he attended Sunday school, and when a young man worshipped his Master, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Claggett, after which the Odd Fellows took charge, and he was laid to rest in the Maple Grove cemetery, with the honors of that order.

For Life.

Miss Emma Gibbs, of Forbes, and Mr. Ernest E. Wright, of Craig, were quietly married last Saturday afternoon, at the Methodist parsonage in this city, Rev. O. E. Lockart, officiating.

They left on the night train for Forbes, where they visited with the bride's parents for a short time, following which they will be at home to their friends on the Wright farm, a mile south of Craig.

Mrs. Wright has been in Craig for several months and during her stay here has made many friends who admire her for her quiet and pleasant manner. Mr. Wright is a native of the right sort of a farmer, and the son of a farmer.

Two Years a Charge.

Ben Bowen, who was committed to the St. Joseph insane asylum, July 26, 1883, is dangerously ill at the asylum. He has been an inmate for 32 years, and was adjudged insane in the probate court while L. R. Knowles was the probate judge, and S. F. O'Fallon, prosecuting attorney. Among those who composed the jury that found him insane were: F. S. Rootstock, A. J. Kreek, C. O. Proud, T. L. Price, Samuel Ruley, Chas. Marsh, D. P. Dobyns, C. N. Dobyns, John Davenport.

If Bowen has any relatives in the county they are requested to notify Sheriff Gelvin.

Fortescue.

Howard and Craig bought over 35 cases of eggs last Saturday. Each case holds 30 dozen, so you can figure for yourself what hens can do when they get going good.

The school board met Tuesday night and elected the following teachers for Consolidated District No. 3: Fortescue, Prof. W. G. Blattner and Mrs. Julia Minton; Walker, Allen Stanley; Elm Grove, Miss May Huson; Idlewild, Miss Elsie Crow; Walnut Grove, Miss Elsie Parks. A special election was called for May 8th, at which date the proposition to vote bonds in the sum of \$15,000 for the erection of a new high school building at Fortescue will be submitted to the voters. County Surveyor, John Peret, came up from Oregon, Monday, and laid off five acres for the new school. News-Jeffersonian, April 22.

Edmund Rosellus, wife and daughter, Lillian, of Corning, attended the funeral of R. C. Benton, Monday, returning home on the evening train.

Henry Holtgreve, is still very low, and there is little hope of his recovery.

J. H. Wilson and John Mariner, of Forest City, attended the funeral of R. C. Benton.

E. E. Weary, the photographer at Oregon, sure has his prices right on Kodak finishing.

Miss Bee Jones, spent Saturday and Sunday in St. Joseph, visiting with former schoolmates.

Miss Kate Harbour, who by a fall, some three weeks ago, broke two of her ribs, is recovering slowly.

Save time and money by buying your films of E. E. Weary at Oregon, and have him do your finishing.

500 copies of new Sheet Music, while they last, at 5c per copy. OPERA HOUSE BUILDING.

The members of Meyer Post, G. A. R., will hold their next meeting at the home of Fred Markt, Saturday, May 22d.

Dr. F. E. Hogan and wife, of Bigelow, were Sunday visitors at the home of his brother, Dr. J. L. Hogan and wife.

Miss Pauline Jones has returned home from an extended visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Hardin Jones, of Hannou, Missouri.

Matt Thomas, of Benton township, one of the good roads enthusiasts, gave us a very enjoyable call Monday. It is ever a pleasure to meet Matt.

Henry Nichols captured a mother wolf and her five cubs, Saturday last, and they were an attraction at the Burrier-Schulte hardware store, all day Monday.

Mrs. Nona B. Freiday returned to her home in Sioux City, Iowa, Thursday, after a few days' visit with her parents, A. J. Jamison and wife. Forest City News, April 23.

Mrs. James Huntsman and daughter went to Moberly, Friday, and visited a few days with her sister, Mrs. Moss Noland, and with her mother, Mrs. Fred Markt, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Fuhrman-Ham, of St. Joseph, has so improved from her recent illness, that Pa and Ma Fuhrman are expecting a visit from her and baby daughter, the latter part of this week.

The many friends of Mrs. W. H. Williams are sorry to know she suffered another stroke of paralysis the first of the week and has been in a serious condition since. Forest City News, April 23.

J. B. Tuggle, a landscape painter from Parkville, was doing some work for Geo. R. Murray, of this city, last week, and giving suggestions for improvement.

John E. Hein, of St. Joseph, was here the past week, visiting his grandson, Fred Philbrick and family. His daughter, Mrs. Zetta Philbrick, was also with him, and returned home with him.

Harvey Evans, our grocer, is always hustling. The past week he was out among the people, picked up 155 cases of eggs, distributing \$40 for the hen fruit, and goes right on as if it was as common as chiggers in August days.

Ben Morgan sold the Bert Foster house he recently purchased, to Rev. J. H. Kiplinger, who had it moved to the lot just north of the Evangelical church. Mr. Morgan will erect a handsome bungalow on the now vacant lot.

A note from our young friend, Carl Green, a university student, informs us he is gradually recovering from his recent operation, and will soon be himself again. Carl's many friends here will be glad to hear this bit of news.

It was greatly to be regretted that Meyer Post was unable to meet at the home of Ed Fuhrman, on Saturday, of last week. Unexpectedly Ed was called upon to entertain a delegation of the measles, and he could not possibly entertain both at the same time.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society met Sunday evening at the Christian church with Miss May Prussman as leader. An excellent program was enjoyed by all who were present. Subject for next Sunday evening: "Joys of the Christian Life." All are invited to attend. A. McDONALD.

"Jep" Greene, now at Buhl, Idaho, in a recent letter to the "old folks at home," says he is feeling just fine; in the letter was enclosed a picture of "Jep" sitting at the railroad crossing reading his "old home" paper, THE SENTINEL, and why shouldn't he feel fine having the advantage and opportunity of reading such a paper.

New Point and Vicinity.

Fred Davis and sister, Ethel, were in Oregon, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer visited Ralph Meyer's, Sunday.

Fred Davis and wife attended the funeral of R. C. Benton, Monday.

Gladys Buntz has been quite sick with measles, but is better now.

Jenne Rockwell came Sunday to sew for Mrs. Geo. Lentz and others.

Joe Pratswater entertained the measles, the latter part of last week.

Roxie Carson sewed at Ed. Gould's, the latter part of the week.

Hazel Kearney came home for a two days' visit, Saturday and Sunday.

The band boys are working hard to make this one of their best entertainments.

Lyle Bender and family and Roy Bender and family visited with John Dreher's, Sunday.

Geo. Lentz and wife drove down to St. Joseph, Thursday, in the car, returning Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kunkel and wife, of Forest City, are visiting the children and other relatives.

Orra and Retta Boswell came home Saturday night. Orsa returned to Mound City, Sunday evening.

Ed Taylor, whose home is in the West, visited his twin sister, Mrs. Jonas Shields, Saturday and Sunday.

The directors of Fairview school met Saturday night and elected Miss Eva Hitt teacher for the coming term.

Mrs. Anna Gordon, of St. Joseph, came up Saturday to visit her brothers, Jack and Chas. Wright, and other relatives.

Mr. Hart came down from Maitland, Sunday and with Miss Lucy Hooten took dinner at the home of Wm. Blakely.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cain entertained her brother, Will Mahon, and family and Mrs. Ramsey, mother of Mrs. Mahon, Sunday.

Adam Hornecker was taken to Kansas City, Thursday, of last week. He was accompanied by his wife, his brother, Charles, and Dr. Findley.

The many friends of Adam Hornecker will be glad to learn that he is improving nicely. Word was received Tuesday that he had sat up about 20 minutes.

The band boys met last night, and practiced for the music festival, which will appear in the most infallible roles.

The last day of school, and the custom for several years, of the school, took their big dinner, of the cooking, not need to be told, ner was, or how about.

Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Wicker were last Sunday with their son, Emory, and wife.

Misses Mamie and Edna Nichols spent last Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nichols.

Homer King, of Kansas City, Kan., came up Saturday for an extended visit with Walter Staley and family.

R. L. Cason and Smith Derr, moved Earl Rock's household goods to the new home at the Noley Jackson place, in Blair district.

R. G. Emerson's have some fine Maltese kittens to give away. Would like them spoken for soon. Independent telephone, Forest City, Route 1, Box 25.

Mrs. Gale Emerson served ice cream, April 29, 1915, to her own and R. G. Emerson's family. It was frozen with snow taken from a ditch on the farm, and the cream was sold and fine.

VERITAS.

When you send your films to E. E. Weary you know that they are finished right.

The many friends of Tom Partidge are now congratulating him most sincerely on account of his daughter, Mrs. Maud Foster, of Hiawatha, Kansas, presenting him with a granddaughter, on Wednesday, of last week, April 22d.

News reaches us of the marriage of Homer Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley, who graduated from our High school, class of 1909, and also from the law department of our state university, to Miss Anna Marie Carpenter, of Boston, a graduate of the Well's seminary, of that place. The groom is practicing his profession in Boston, and his many former school chums here send hearty congratulations.